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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I chose a competitive Internet provider because I don't want to pay corporate executive salaries for unresponsive customer service. I chose Sonic because I would rather support local businesses than a huge corporation.

As an invested consumer, I am concerned that price increases for Internet services will put broadband DSL and fiber connections in jeopardy for potential customers who cannot afford to pay exorbitant prices.

I work from home 60 percent of the time and rely on consistent and affordable Internet service. I choose to spend my money with companies that I want to support, not large businesses to whom my satisfaction is irrelevant.

Please preserve competitive Internet providers and their local businesses.

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